

## Tyler's Ride and Tantrum <sup>1</sup>

### Answer Key

#### Instructions

Compare your answers to the questions in the story to the answers and ideas listed in this key.

Discuss the answers and any differences of opinions with your friends and the instructor.

Your ideas are important and can help improve this exercise. Therefore, please don't mark additional answers or change the answers you marked on your answer sheet. Your answers and the answers of many other people will be studied to improve this exercise.

#### Question A

- T      1. Pastures are often hilly, rocky, muddy, slippery, and have streams with steep banks. Many tractor overturns occur in pastures. Tricycle tractors without rollover protective structures (ROPS) are more likely to overturn and crush the operator and rider.
- T      2. Tyler is only four, and not strong enough to hang on even if he could react in time. Even a strong adult can be thrown off a tractor when it hits a bump.
- F      3. He is too little. He can't reach the steering wheel from where he is standing and hanging on to the fender. However, he could try to reach for the steering wheel, fall off, and be run over.
- T      4. He missed his nap. He is at risk of falling asleep and falling off.
- T      5. When being fed, cattle often become wild. They crowd and bump each other and the tractor to get to the hay.

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<sup>1</sup> This answer key is to be used with the "Tyler's Ride and Tantrum" exercise problem booklet.

Question B

- F 6. False! Young children love to sit in the driver's seat and play with the controls. Tyler may be so intent on pretending to drive the tractor and "helping" that he disregards Grandpa's instructions.
- T 7. Tyler may decide to get down and "help," He may grab and move the tractor controls in the process. He could be run over. If Tyler climbs down to the ground, a cow may step on or butt him. When calves are around, cows often may be aggressive toward children and sometimes toward adults as well.
- T 8. Injuries and fatalities to children on tractors, and to other family members near tractors, have resulted when the child released a brake, allowing the tractor to roll ahead or back.
- T 9. Injuries and fatalities to children on tractors, and to other family members near tractors, have resulted when the child shifted an idling tractor into gear.
- T 10. Young children often want to sit in the driver's seat and move the controls, especially when the tractor is running and the lights and dials on the instrument panel are working. In only a few seconds, Tyler could climb into the driver's seat and the tractor could be moving so fast that Grandpa couldn't catch it.

Question C

- F 11. Many children have died when they fell from the lap of an adult and were run over by the rear tractor wheels or by trailing machinery being pulled by the tractor.
- T 12. In many cases, even when the driver noticed that a child fell off his lap, the driver couldn't stop until the child was run over and crushed to death.

Question D

- T 13. Whether Tyler likes it or not, Mom is right because of his risk of falling off and being hurt or killed.
- F 14. Reasoning with him won't work now because Tyler is cranky, has ridden many times before, and won't understand. His mom should reason with him and explain the danger at a later time when he is calmed down, rested, and can understand.
- T 15. Grandpa may not agree, but it is good for Mom to ask and to be firm about it.
- F 16. This puts Tyler and his Mom at risk of falling off and being hurt or killed, and Mom has set a bad example, too.
- F 17. Tyler is in danger even on short trips. If Mom is really worried about Tyler, she needs to act now. Acting sooner is better than waiting until later when bad things could already have happened.

Question E

- T 18. The adults involved often blame themselves, and sometimes each other. Stress can be extreme and can tear the family apart.
- F 19. This is rarely the case if the child is a family member and the operator was not intoxicated. If the child was not a family member, lawsuits and criminal charges are likely.
- T 20. For many families, the death of a child is so traumatic that they can no longer live on the farm or be involved with farm tractors and farming.
- F 21. There are always long-term consequences of these events, and they are often severe (e.g. endless rounds of blaming and guilt, divorce, alienation of family members from one another, lawsuits, and frequently, loss of the farm and a way of life.)

Question F (Answer True or False about you and your family)

- ? ? 22. If you are like most farm adults, as a child you were often a second rider on a tractor. We need to change this pattern for the next generation.
- ? ? 23. Many of us do allow second riders, usually for short rides around the farmyard or in a nearby field. Doing so is always risky.
- ? ? 24. Children often beg to ride, especially if they have been allowed to do so previously. It's best not to start this bad habit.
- ? ? 25. Most adults do worry about children riding on tractors and don't want the child to be injured or killed. We think by being careful we can prevent the child from falling off and being hurt or killed. In the last 10 years in the United States, hundreds of child second riders have fallen from tractors and died under their wheels, even when the adult was being careful.
- ? ? 26. How many people do you think can say this statement is true for them? Should the statement be true for you?